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KER-SPLOOM!
GYAAA-AAAA-AHHH?!
SHA-SHAA

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LET HER BE. SINCE THE INSTRUCTORS HAVE LEFT, SHE'S JUST LETTING GO OF STRESS.
KASUMI-CHAN SURE IS LATE. I WONDER IF SHE WAS ABLE TO CATCH ANY FISH.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HEYYY!
SORRY 'BOUT BEING LATE.
I CAUGHT SOME-THING... THAT WASN'T A FISH.
Ha ha ha ha!

DAZE
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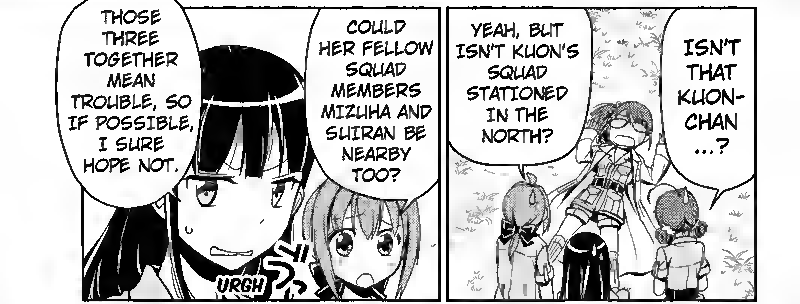
Minazuki Squad
KUON KAGA


ISN'T THAT KUON-CHAN ...?
YEAH, BUT ISN'T KUON'S SQUAD STATIONED IN THE NORTH?
COULD HER FELLOW SQUAD MEMBERS MIZUHA AND SHIRAN BE NEARBY TOO?
THOSE THREE TOGETHER MEAN TROUBLE, SO IF POSSIBLE, I SURE HOPE NOT.
URGH

BUT IF MIZUHA-CHAN WERE NEARBY, I FEEL LIKE SHE WOULD'VE COME TO YOU RIGHT AWAY, KASUMI-CHAN.
THIS IS...
IN ANY CASE, LET'S ASK KUON WHAT HAPPENED.
PAT PAT
HEY, KUON! WAKE UP!
UUUH...

GASP
はっ
HUH...? WHAT AM I...?
YOU DROWNED IN THE OCEAN. YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
I RESCUED YOU.
WHAT?
ばっ
RISE
RESCUED BY MY ARCH-ENEMY!!
EEEEK!
I DON'T GET SO MUCH AS A THANK YOU? GOOD GRIEF...
I'D JUST LIKE TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION HERE...
HOW DID YOU END UP DROWNING ON THIS ISLAND, KAGA-SAN?
!!
W-WELL, THAT'S 'CAUSE ...
I'LL AMBUSH KASUMI HERE WHEN SHE COMES TO FISH!
STEP
STEP
STEP

I'M GONNA CAST MY SPECIAL DRUG THAT MAKES FISH JUMP UP AND STICK TO A PERSON'S FACE WHEN THEY EAT IT!
FLASH
KASUMI WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HER... HEHE-HEHE!
TRIP
OOF!!
THUD
SPLOOSH
AAAAGHHH!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
EEEEEK!
SPLASH
YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT!!
SHE WAS PROBABLY DOING SOMETHING STUPID AGAIN...
ACK!
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB

HUH?
FWISH
UTSU-RI-SAN, STAY BACK A LITTLE, OKAY?
WHAP
CLASH
NOT BAD!
WSSSHHH

I EXPECTED NOTHING LESS, SUBARU!!
GRIN
Military High School Academy:
2nd Year
Minazuki Squad
SUIRAN TACHIKAZE
SO YOU WERE HERE TOO, SUIRAN.
SWIP
HMPH!
YUP! NOW GIVE BACK KUON!
"GIVE HER BACK"? I SAVED HER FROM DROWNING.
WHAT?! SHE WASN'T DEFEATED BY YOU AND CAPTURED?!
YOU DIDN'T COME BACK, SO I CAME TO SEE WHAT THE HOLD-UP WAS!
YOU DON'T GET SAVED BY THE TARGET! YOU SCREWED UP!
OH SHADDUP! A GENIUS LIKE ME MAKES MISTAKES TOO!!
BICKER
BICKER
H-HOLD ON A SECOND!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "TARGET"?
ARE YOU REFERRING TO ME?
PAUSE

GREAT! NOW THEY KNOW! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SCREWED UP, SUIRAN!
SIGH
はぁ
THERE'S NO POINT HIDING IT ANY-MORE.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CHARGE HEAD ON NOW!
SWIPE
ぶわっ
!!
DASH
QUIETLY HAND OVER KASUMI TO US!!
CLASH
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT...
FWIP
THE ANS-WER'S NO!
CLANG

CLANG
C'MON, SUIRAN! BEAT THE CRAP OUTTA HER!!
WATCH OUT, BOTH OF YOU!
GO!! SUBARU !!
WHAM
CLASH
THUD
AHHH!
THWACK
I WIN.
POINT
GRIN
OKAY. TIME FOR YOU GIRLS TO COME CLEAN!
THAT'S OUR SUBA-RU!!
So cool!!
SUI-RAN!
GRAB

PUT ON
すちゃ
GLASSES ON!
WHAT THE-?!
FWIP
ぱっ
GET AN EYE-FUL ...
OF THIS !!
PWOOF!
AAHHHH!!

THIS SMOKE WILL MAKE YOUR EYES STING!
MY SPECIAL SUPER SPICY SMOKE BALLS!!
flip
AHH! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THUD
dash
THUD
KASUMI-CHAN?! SUBARU-CHAN?!
STAY STILL!
WHAT ARE YOU GIRLS DOING?
FLAIL
Mmph!
WE'VE GOT KASUMI-CHAN!
OH NO!
DASH
ADIOS!
KASUMI-CHAN!!
FLAIL
BOOM
KASUMI-CHAN!!

OW OW OW OW ...
THUMP
どさっ
YOU FINALLY CAME.
SMILE
にこ
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, KASUMI.
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MIZUHA MINAZUKI
TO BE CONTINUED

MISSION 12: The Minazuki Three!

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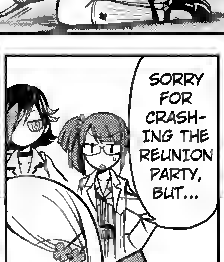

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CLUTCH
ぎゅっ
BUT TRUST ME!
MY JOY IS SINCERE FROM BEING ABLE TO MEET YOU LIKE THIS!
GOSH, I FEEL AWFUL.
YOU CAN'T HELP THAT YOU HAVE INSANE STRENGTH, MIZUHA!
HYUK!
HYUK!
しょぼーん
MOPE
FROM THAT MOMENT ON, MY HEART HAS ALWAYS..
RIGHT AFTER WE FIRST ENTERED SCHOOL, YOU WERE SO KIND TO ME WHEN I FELT LONELY AND FRIENDLESS.
I'M HAPPY THAT MIZUHA IS SO FOND OF ME, BUT...
うーん
erm...
BELONGED TO YOU, KASUMI!!
Kasumi Love!!
きゃ
BADUMP

EEYAAHH!
KASUMI!
crack whack snap
GYAAAHH!
KASUMI!!
crack whack snap
GYAAAHH!
KASUMI!!
crack whack snap
Well
BODY CONTACT WITH HER SURE IS DANGER-OUS.
YOU'VE BEEN THINKING OF ME TOO, RIGHT?
I'M SO HAPPY! I'M SO FREAKIN' HAPPY!!
WHAM
CRUSH
I'M GONNA DIE! I'M SO GONNA DIE SOON!
BUT I BETTER MAKE MY ESCAPE NOW!
IT'S SCARY SEEING MIZUHA AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME!
I WANNA KNOW!!
PON
BUT I WANNA ASK SO MANY THINGS!! LIKE WHY THEY KIDNAPPED ME... OR WHY THEY'RE ON THIS ISLAND...
Just hold on a sec!
Oh yeah!

PING!
IT'S FUTILE TO TRY AND RUN AWAY, Y'KNOW?
'CAUSE I'M WATCHING YOUR EVERY MOVE!
YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING, AREN'T YOU, KASUMI?
PEER
KUON.
GOSH NO, KUON! YOU HAVE IT ALL WRONG!
YOU'RE THE GENIUS WHO OUT-WITTED SUBARU!
I'M NO MATCH FOR YOU!
EHEHEH!
WH-WHAT? DID KASUMI FINALLY BOW DOWN TO MY AWESOME-NESS?
FIDGET FIDGET
OH YEAH! KUON, YOU'RE AMAZING! I REALLY RESPECT YOU!
BUT IT SURE WAS DANGEROUS WHEN SHIRAN LOST TO SUBARU!
TELL ME ABOUT IT!
BOOM

WHO'S FAULT DID YOU SAY IT WAS THAT THE OPERATION ALMOST FAILED?
BUT WHEN SUIRAN GOT BEATEN SO SOUNDLY, I THOUGHT THE OPERATION FAILED!
THANKS TO MY GENIUS AND QUICK WIT, WE WERE ABLE TO SUCCEED...
SUIRAN!
I CAN'T JUST IGNORE A COMMENT LIKE THAT!
UH, YOU KNOW ...
あと。
Flustered
NOW SUIRAN'S INVOLVED TOO...
YOU HAD SOME AMAZING MOVES TOO, SUIRAN!
IF YOU DIDN'T COME IN TO HELP WITH YOUR IMPECCABLE TIMING, THE WHOLE THING WOULD'VE BEEN FOR NOTHING!
OH!
EXACTLY!
YOU UNDERSTAND, KASUMI!
HOLD ON!!
IT WAS THANKS TO ME THAT THE OPERATION SUCCEEDED.

IT WAS MY SMOKE BALLS THAT SAVED THE OPERATION IN THE END, Y'KNOW?
BUT IF I DIDN'T COME IN TO HELP, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN HAD THE CHANCE TO USE 'EM!
MY BEING CAPTURED WAS PART OF THE STRATEGY !!
LIAR!
NOT ONLY WERE YOU OUT COLD, YOU WERE RESCUED!
SAYS THE PERSON WHO GOT HER BUTT WHIPPED BY SUBARU!
THAT WAS ALL STRATEGY TOO!
THAT WAS AN ACT TO CREATE AN OPEN-ING FOR YOU TO USE THE SMOKE BALLS!
GOOD THING THOSE TWO ARE SO SIMPLE-MINDED.
SHIIEK
SHIIEK
THIS IS HOW KYOKO-SAN MUST'VE FELT!
MIZUHA'S OFF SOME-WHERE TOO, SO NOW'S MY CHANCE...
sneak
KASUMI! THANKS FOR WAITING!
JOLT
SHOOT! SHE ALREADY CAME BACK!
WHAT'S UP, MIZU-
TURN

ぱーん
BOOM
IT TOOK A LITTLE TIME TO GET IT ALL READY, SO..
HUH?!
roll
roll
roll

HOW DID YOU GET ALL THIS CAKE?
A CAKE MOUNTAIN...?

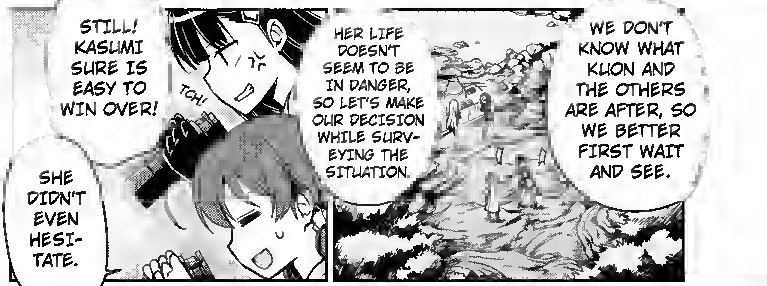
SWEET... TASTY... I WANNA EAT 'EM!?
SINCE COMING TO THIS ISLAND, I HAVEN'T HAD A SWEET MORSEL OF ANYTHING, LET ALONE CAKE!
STILL, THEY LOOK SO TASTY!
THIS RICH DADDY'S GIRL!
THEY'RE SPECIAL SWEETS THAT I ASKED FATHER TO ARRANGE FOR ME.
ふるふる
shake shake

Chocolate Cheese Tart...
WELL THEN, I GUESS I'LL—
YOINK
YOINK
FEEL FREE TO DIG RIGHT IN!
WHOOSH
CAN I ?!
WHY, OF COURSE!
THANK YOU, MIZUHA!
ALL OF THIS WAS PREPARED FOR YOU, KASUMI!
BLUSH
IS SOME-THING THE MATTER?
PAUSE
OH NO... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
BUT THERE'S ONE THING I DO KNOW...
IT LOOKS LIKE MIZUHA'S TRYING TO WIN ME OVER.
RUMBLE
BUT SHOULD I REALLY BE EATING THIS?
RUMBLE
IT'S SUSPICIOUS THAT THESE CAKES WERE SUDDENLY PREPARED FOR ME...

I'LL BE MISSING OUT IF I DON'T EAT!
Yup!
うんっ
MMMM!
cut
scarf
QUIVER
SO SWEET! SO TASTY!!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HAPPY!
THIS IS THE DAY WE REUNITED BUT... TODAY'S ALSO THE DAY YOU LENT ME YOUR ERASER FOR THE FIRST TIME! TWO ANNIVERSARIES ON ONE DAY OH IT HAS SUCH A NICE RING TO IT! INCIDENTALLY, TOMORROW WAS THE DAY YOU SHARED AN UMBRELLA WITH ME! AND THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW WAS THE DAY WE MADE TEA AFTER SCHOOL! AND THE DAY AFTER THAT...
munch
munch
munch
YOU CAN HAVE AS MANY OF THESE KINDS OF SWEETS AS YOU WANT, Y'KNOW!
IF YOU COME TO OUR ISLAND, THAT IS.
HM? "OUR ISLAND"?

YUP! THE ISLAND THAT WE'RE STATIONED AT... RIGHT NEXT TO YOURS!
THE ISLAND ...
THINK
もも
NONAMI
House
もも
THINK
NEXT TO OURS ...?
BOOM
NONAMI
House
THE ISLAND NEXT TO OURS!!
That exists ?!

FROM HERE, WE GOTTA MOVE CAREFULLY.
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME-THING'S UP.


STILL! KASUMI SURE IS EASY TO WIN OVER!
TCH!
SHE DIDN'T EVEN HESI-TATE.
HER LIFE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IN DANGER, SO LET'S MAKE OUR DECISION WHILE SURV-EYING THE SITUATION.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KUON AND THE OTHERS ARE AFTER, SO WE BETTER FIRST WAIT AND SEE.

sigh はぁ
THEY HAVE CAKE... THEY'RE SO LUCKY
GULP!
TO BE CONTINUED
NEXT TIME, What is it that Kasumi saw on the neighboring island?! Find out on 8/9!

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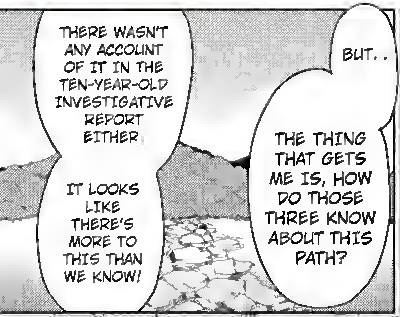
MISSION 13: What's going on next door?!


THERE WASN'T ANY ACCOUNT OF IT IN THE TEN-YEAR-OLD INVESTIGATIVE REPORT EITHER.
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN WE KNOW!
BUT..
THE THING THAT GETS ME IS, HOW DO THOSE THREE KNOW ABOUT THIS PATH?

I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S A NARROW PATH THAT LEADS ALL THE WAY TO THE NEXT ISLAND LIKE THIS!
oof!
ふっと
THE PATH ONLY SURFACES DURING LOW TIDE.

WELL, I GUESS, BUT...
SHE'S PROBABLY FINE, GIVEN HOW MUCH FUN IT LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS HAVING GOING TO THEIR ISLAND.
THEN, WILL KASUMI-CHAN BE ALL RIGHT?
ぼっり
sigh

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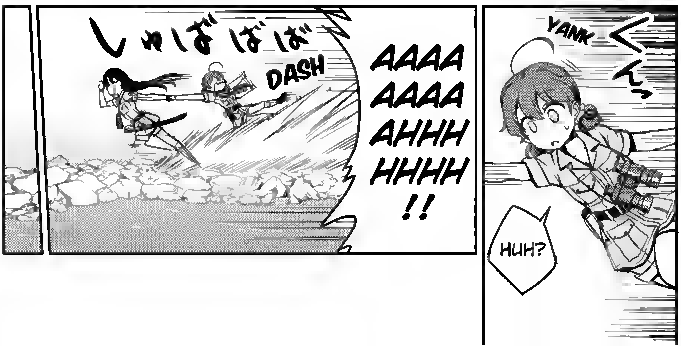
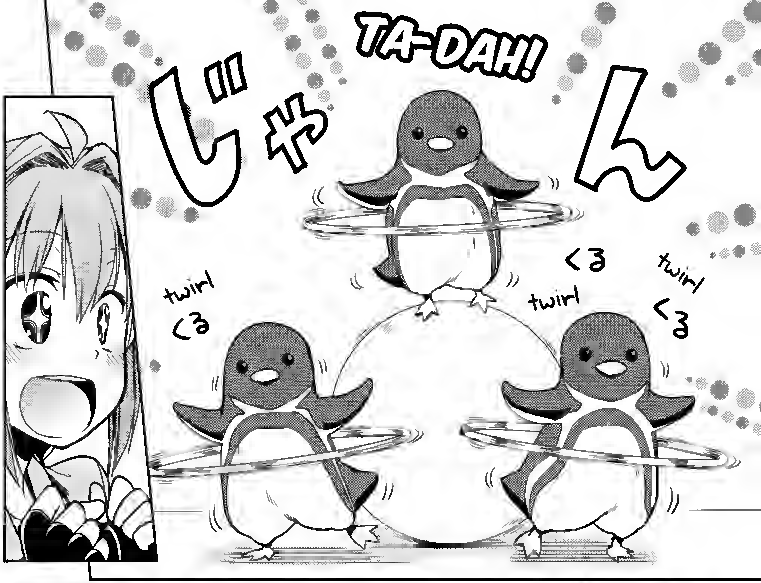
SHWA
SHWA
SHWA
SHWA

OKAY, SUBARU-CHA–
LET'S GO, UTSURI-SAN!! GRAB HOLD!!
FWIP
I SURE WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST MINA-ZUKI!
THEY'RE NOT TAKING HER SOME-WHERE IN THAT, BY ANY CHANCE, ARE THEY ...?!


しゃばばば
DASH
AAAA AAAA AHHH HHHH !!
YANK
HUH?

水無月
Minazuki's
ペンギン
ふれあいショー
Penguin Meeting Show
KYU
KYU
OKAY! HERE I GO!
HUP!
WHOO!
FWIP
SHWP
YEAH!
SWOOSH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TA-DAH!
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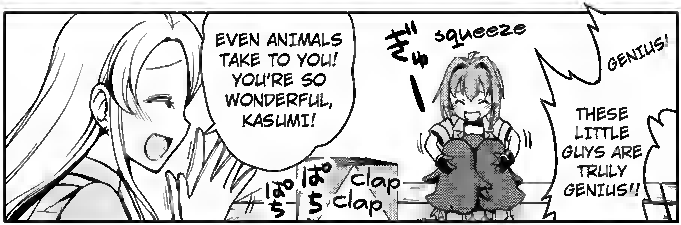
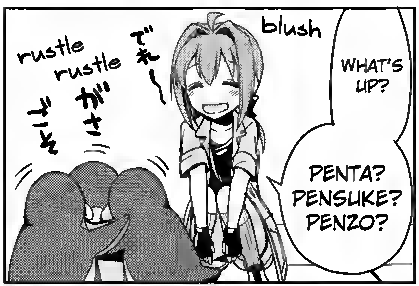
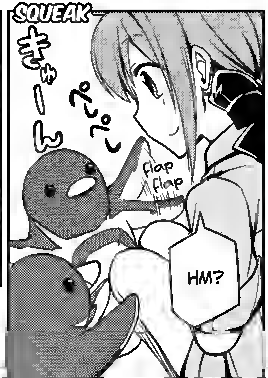
twirl
くる
twirl
くる
twirl
くる

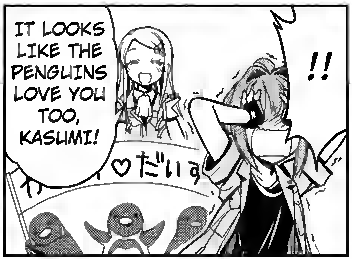

EVEN ANIMALS TAKE TO YOU! YOU'RE SO WONDERFUL, KASUMI!
なでなで
clap clap
squeeze
GENIUS!
THESE LITTLE GUYS ARE TRULY GENIUS!!


blush
WHAT'S UP?
PENTA? PENSUKE? PENZO?
rustle rustle
ガサ
ごそ
でへ〜


SQUEAK
きゅーん
ぺんぺん
Clap Clap
HM?

かすみ♡だいすき
We love you, Kasumi!
ばーん

DO A GOOD JOB, AND YOU GET YOUR REWARD!
OKAY, GIVE KASUMI MORE HUGS!
nod
こくこく
nod


IT LOOKS LIKE THE PENGUINS LOVE YOU TOO, KASUMI!
!!
♡だいすき

AWW! HONESTLY, THEY'RE SOOO CUTE!
すりすり
rub rub
SHE'S TOTALLY FALLEN INTO THEIR TRAP!
What an idiot!
KASUMI-CHAN SURE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HAVING FUN.
Sigh.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, KASUMI?
ON THIS ISLAND, YOU CAN SPEND EVERY DAY LIKE THIS!
THAT'S AWE-SOME!
WITH THESE CUTE PEN-GUINS HERE, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THIS IS A SOUTHERN ISLAND.
SO HOW 'BOUT YOU JOIN OUR SQUAD AND MOVE TO THIS ISLAND?
THIS ISLAND?
slap
YOU AND YOUR BUDDIES WANT ME TO STAY TOO, RIGHT, PENTA?
AND THE CAKE WAS YUMMY AS WELL.
kyu kyu
OKAY, THEN! I'LL MOVE TO THI—
HOLD IT, KASU-MI!
THUMP

annoyed
DARN! JUST A LITTLE MORE...
むぅ
N-NOTHING! N-NO MOVING HERE!
WHAT DID YOU SAY? MOVE TO WHERE?
SU-BA-RU!!
RAI-KA!!
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT KINDA HORRIBLE TALK IS UN-FORGI-VABLE!
BESIDES, YOU CAN'T SWITCH SQUADS AT THIS POINT, ANYWAY!
TOO BAD FOR YOU, SHE CAN SWITCH SQUADS!
giggle
WHA?!
DUE TO VARIOUS REASONS, OUR POST GOT SWITCHED TO THIS ISLAND.
SO THIS IS YOUR LODGING HOUSE...
AFTER THAT, I HEARD FROM IN-STRUCTOR KURAMA.

HM...
YOU WANT TO BE IN THE SAME SQUAD AS MINAMI?
SURE. THAT COULD BE INTERESTING.
I'LL ALLOW IT.
YOU CAN CONVINCE HER HOWEVER WAY YOU WANT...
SHOW ME YOU CAN PERSUADE HER WITH WHATEVER MEANS YOU HAVE.
smirk
BLUSH
SO I PERSUADED HER MY OWN WAY!
THAT WOMAN JUST KEEPS CAUSING TROUBLE.
SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING THE INSTRUCTOR WOULD SAY.
THAT'S WHY YOU TREATED ME SO LAVISHLY!

PEEK
INCIDENTALLY, I'D BE GOING TO YOUR SQUAD AS A TRADE.
BESIDES, WE MENTIONED DOING FIELDWORK TOGETHER, DIDN'T WE, RAIKA?
GLANCE
GLANCE
R-really? Well, I guess it'd be a piece of cake if I teamed up with you
It'd be fun working with you, Kuon-chan!
I MEAN, YOU'D RATHER HAVE ME OVER KASUMI TOO, RIGHT?
BUT I DON'T WANT TO END UP IN DIFFERENT SQUADS WITH KASUMI-CHAN THIS WAY!
WHAT?!
SHOCK
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HAPPY, RAIKA...
PAT
PAT
YOU JUST GOT REJECTED, KUON!
SNIFF
How popular, you are!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE GOALS YOU TWO HAVE!
IF I JUST GET TO HAVE A REAL SHOWDOWN WITH SUBARU ONE MORE TIME, I'LL BE VERY SATISFIED.
GRIN
KASUMI, LEAVE THEM AND COME BACK WITH US.
SHOCK
TUG

!!!
tug
tug
くいっ
くいっ
KYUUU
きゅ
You're leaving us?!
You're gonna go?!
きゅ
KYUUU
SQUEEZE
きゅんっ
GRAB
がばっ
AAAH!
PENTA! PENSUKE! PENZO!
SMILE
ニヤリ
BOOM
どんっ
HEY!
THE PENGUINS WANT YOU TO STAY WITH THEM TOO!

WAIT, KASUMI!
IF YOU GO WITH THEM, YOU'LL BE STUCK WITH MINAZUKI THE WHOLE TIME!
ARE YOU OKAY HAVING YOUR LIFE AT RISK WITH THAT SUPERHUMAN PARTNER?
ガーン
SHOCK
THAT'S TRUE.
THINK ABOUT IT, KASUMI!
THINGS ARE SO UPTIGHT IN THE SQUAD YOU'RE IN NOW, RIGHT?
YOU'RE GONNA KEEP BEING LECTURED EVERY DAY, Y'KNOW?
UHH, THAT'S ...
SUBARU, YOU ARE REALLY HARD ON ME.
unk!
KASUMI'S SO LAID-BACK THAT SHE NEEDS SOMEONE WHO'LL DISCIPLINE HER!
BUT THAT ISN'T YOUR ROLE, SUBARU-SAN!
SHE STILL WOULDN'T BE GOOD WITH YOU, MINAZUKI-SAN!
YES, SHE WOULD! SHE'S A BETTER FIT WITH ME!
IT LOOKS LIKE KASUMI WILL BE UNHAPPY WHEREVER SHE ENDS UP
blunt
SUIRAN!
SUIRAN-SAN!
YOU KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT!

KASUMI.
♪
KASUMI!
CLOSE
IN
WHICH SQUAD ARE YOU GONNA PICK?!

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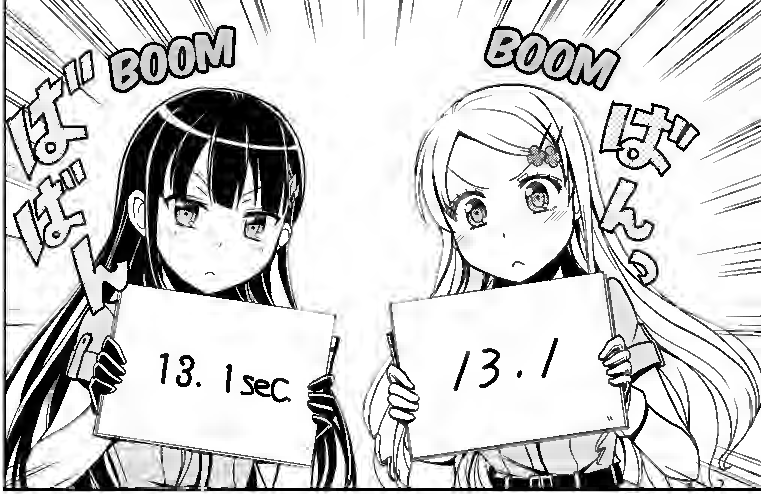
I MEAN ...
GIVEN HOW CLOSE THE ISLANDS ARE, THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO ACT SEPARATELY.
IF WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SQUAD, IT'LL RESOLVE EVERYTHING AND WE'LL ALL BE HAPPY!
ISN'T THAT A GOOD IDEA?
IT REALLY IS A GOOD IDE-
THAT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA!
IT DEFEATS THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF SEPARATE SQUAD TRAINING!
I CAN'T FIGHT SUBARU THEN, SO NO WAY!
I DON'T WANNA BE IN THE SAME SQUAD AS KASUMI!
AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU ALL TO MYSELF IF POSSIBLE, KASUMI!
すりゃ!
THRUST
SO IT'S A NO THEN... I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD PLAN...
HEH HEH
とはは
DUKING IT OUT REALLY IS THE SIMPLEST WAY TO DECIDE...
BESIDES, REGARDLESS OF THE SQUAD YOU CHOOSE, THE DECISION WON'T BE ACCEPTED BY EVERYONE.

I DON'T WANNA FIGHT.
CAN'T WE RESOLVE THIS IN A MORE PEACEFUL WAY?
PLEASE?
OKAY...
IN THAT CASE ...
WHY DON'T WE SETTLE THIS WITH A QUIZ?
The 1st Kasumi Quiz Championship
第一回かすみクイズ選手権
QUESTION #1!
OKAY... WHAT IS KASUMI'S BEST TIME IN THE 100M DASH?


BOOM
ばばーん
13.1sec
BOOM
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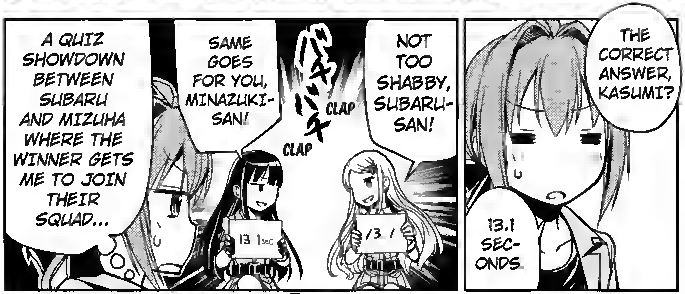
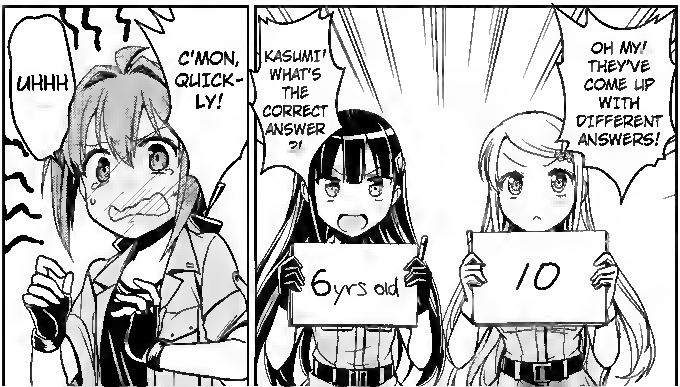

A QUIZ SHOWDOWN BETWEEN SUBARU AND MIZUHA WHERE THE WINNER GETS ME TO JOIN THEIR SQUAD...
SAME GOES FOR YOU, MINAZUKI-SAN!
パチパチ
CLAP
CLAP
NOT TOO SHABBY, SUBARU-SAN!
13.1sec
13.1
THE CORRECT ANSWER, KASUMI?
13.1 SECONDS.

OKAY, ONTO THE SECOND QUESTION!
STILL, I'D FEEL AWKWARD STOPPING IT RIGHT NOW.
I'm the one who suggested it too
THINGS HAVE TAKEN A WEIRD TURN, HAVEN'T THEY?
WHAT WITH ALL THE QUESTIONS BEING ABOUT ME ...

BOOM
WHAT WAS KASUMI-CHAN'S MARK ON THE MATH FINAL?
28
28%
AND THE CORRECT ANSWER >
28%...
BOTH OF YOU, CORRECT AGAIN!!
UHH... NOW IT'S JUST GETTING A LITTLE EMBARR-ASSING...
GEEZ, KASUMI! YOU'RE SO STU-PID!
PFFT!
ANNOYED
OH, YEAH? WHAT DID YOU GET, SHIRAN?
31%
BUT A WIN'S A WIN!
THAT'S JUST A 3 POINT DIFFER-ENCE!
ANNOYED
Hmph!
MY TURN'S FINALLY UP!
OKAY, QUEST-ION #3!
HOW OLD WAS KASUMI THE LAST TIME SHE WET THE BED?
FREEZE

HOW OLD WAS KASUMI THE LAST TIME SHE WET-
YOU DON'T HAVE TO REPEAT IT!
SHOCK
ばっ
WHAT THE-?!

YOU GUYS SEEM LIKE YOU'RE REALLY RELISHING THIS
KASUMI IS WONDERFUL EVEN WHEN SHE'S EMBARRASSED!
IT'S A "KASUMI" QUIZ, SO YOU HAVE TO!
I CAN'T ANSWER THAT!!
snap
パシャ
snap
パシャ
ニヤニヤ grin grin


UHHH
C'MON, QUICKLY!
KASUMI! WHAT'S THE CORRECT ANSWER?!
OH MY! THEY'VE COME UP WITH DIFFERENT ANSWERS!
6yrs old
10

dim
ボソ
S... SIX YEARS OLD...
ER, I REALLY CAN'T SAY FOR SURE...
KASUMI, ANSWER HONESTLY!
clench
I OBJECT!
YES!
WHAT?! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!!
BUT SHE HID FROM EVEN YOU THE TIME SHE WET HERSELF AFTER THAT!
WELL, UM...
YEAH, WELL, I REMEMBER VERY CLEARLY!
I WASN'T IN THE SAME CLASS WITH HER SINCE KINDERGARTEN FOR NOTHING!
point

DO YOU WANNA SEE THE PHOTO-GRAPHIC PROOF?
FWIP
WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT WITH YOU?!
THAT'S SO MESSED UP!!
SO, WHICH OF US IS RIGHT?
SIX! I WAS SIX!
I HAVE THE PROOF RIGHT HERE!
LET'S START ALL OVER AGAIN!
FINE, I'LL GIVE OUT THE NEXT QUESTION TOO!
ANSWER WITH THE WORD TO COMPLETE THE FOLL-OWING POEM.
"I AM A SMALL BIRD INSIDE A BIRD CAGE. IN THIS WORLD THAT SEEMS LIKE A PRISON, I SEEK ONLY" WHAT?
Hm?
grin grin
ACK! THAT'S MY NOTE-BOOK!!

SHAKE SHAKE
わくわく
THAT'S MY SECRET NOTE-BOOK FROM JUNIOR HIGH!!
GIVE THAT BACK RIGHT NOW!!
TUMBLE
WHAT IS THAT DOING HERE?!
I BOR-ROWED IT FROM YOUR HOUSE!
DON'T BRING THAT ALL THE WAY HERE!!
ROLL
SHALL I READ ANOTHER POEM? SAY...
STOP!!
OKAY! IF A BALL COMES TO YOU...
HOLD IT TIGHTLY.
SQUEEZE
CLICK
THEN THROW IT FAR!
TOSS

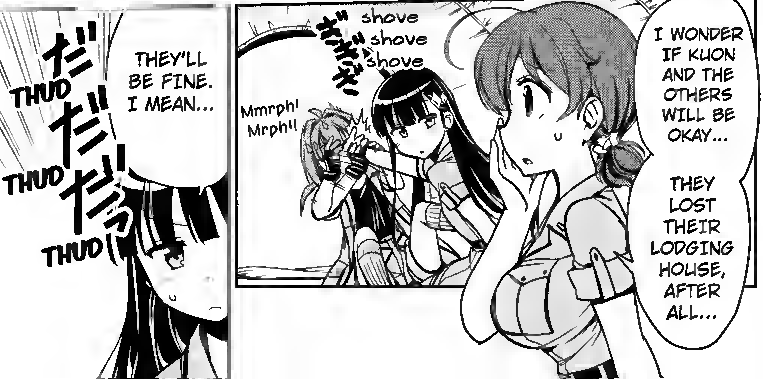
KABOOM

ACK! I DON'T HAVE ONE OF MY BOMBS!
WHY DID THAT EXPLODE?!

BOOM
ボボ
BLAST
ドオン
KA-BOOM!
WE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!
IT'S GONNA KEEP EXPLODING!!
THE STOCK OF EXPLOSIVES TOO?!
ANOTHER EXPLOSION!!
KABOOM!
BOOM!

*Nenanimi Island Starfish

EVEN SO...
You're not forgiven!
I'm so sorry, Subaru! Forgive me!!
URK!
YEAH, LIKE KASUMI ALMOST BETRAYING US!
THAT'S 'CAUSE A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENED!



FWOOSH
ばっ
KASUMI!!
ACK! MIZUHA, NOT SO HAAGHH! AGH!
WE FINISHED SETTING UP OUR TENT!
ゴキッ
SQUEEZE
べキバキ
CRACK
CRACK
IN THE END, WE'RE ALL TOGETHER IN THE SAME PLACE.
AND NOT ONE OF YOU THREE SEEM REMORSEFUL IN THE SLIGHTEST!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF REGRETTING THE PAST?
I'M HAPPY WE'RE ALL ABLE TO GET ALONG!
RIGHT! WITHOUT LODGINGS, WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER.
SO...
I HOPE WE WORK WELL TOGETHER FROM HERE ON OUT!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'RE ABLE TO DO THIS SINCE COMING TO THE ISLAND!
すっ slip
SUCH A SHAME!
I KNOW!
WE HAD NO TIME, THOUGH EVERY DAY SINCE WE WERE STATIONED HAS BEEN A TRIAL!
TODAY'S GONNA BE A LOT OF FUN!
HONESTLY ...SINCE TODAY'S THE ONLY CHANCE WE HAVE!
STAND
OKAY! ALL SET!!

TODAY, WE TAKE A DIP IN THE SEAS!!

MISSION IN THE SOUTH!

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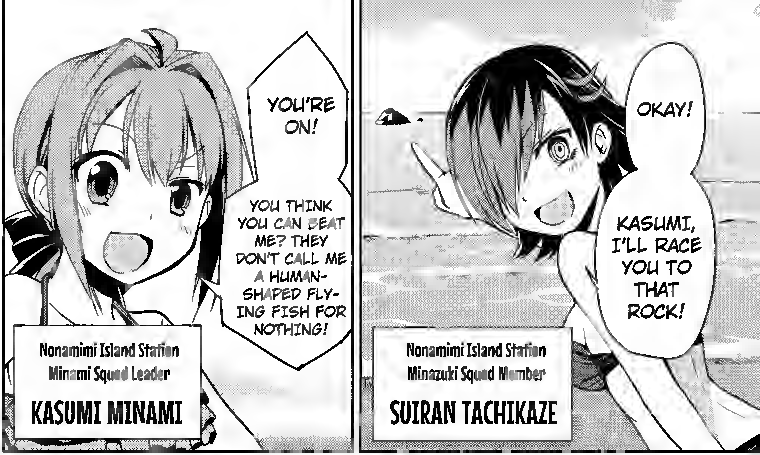
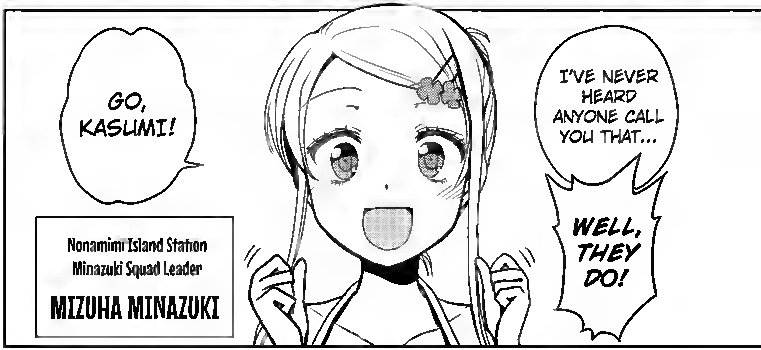
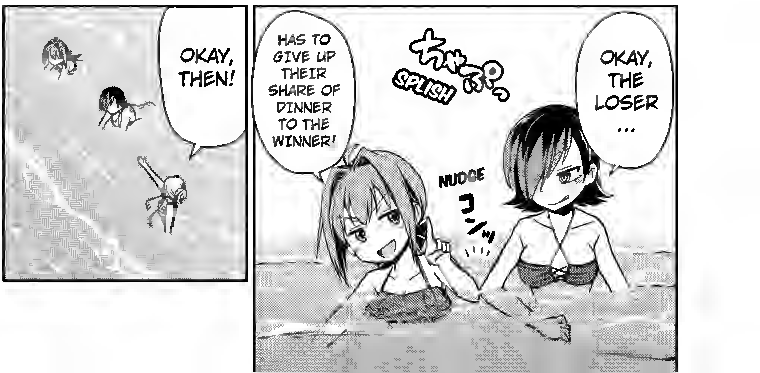
MISSION 15: Fun in the Sea!

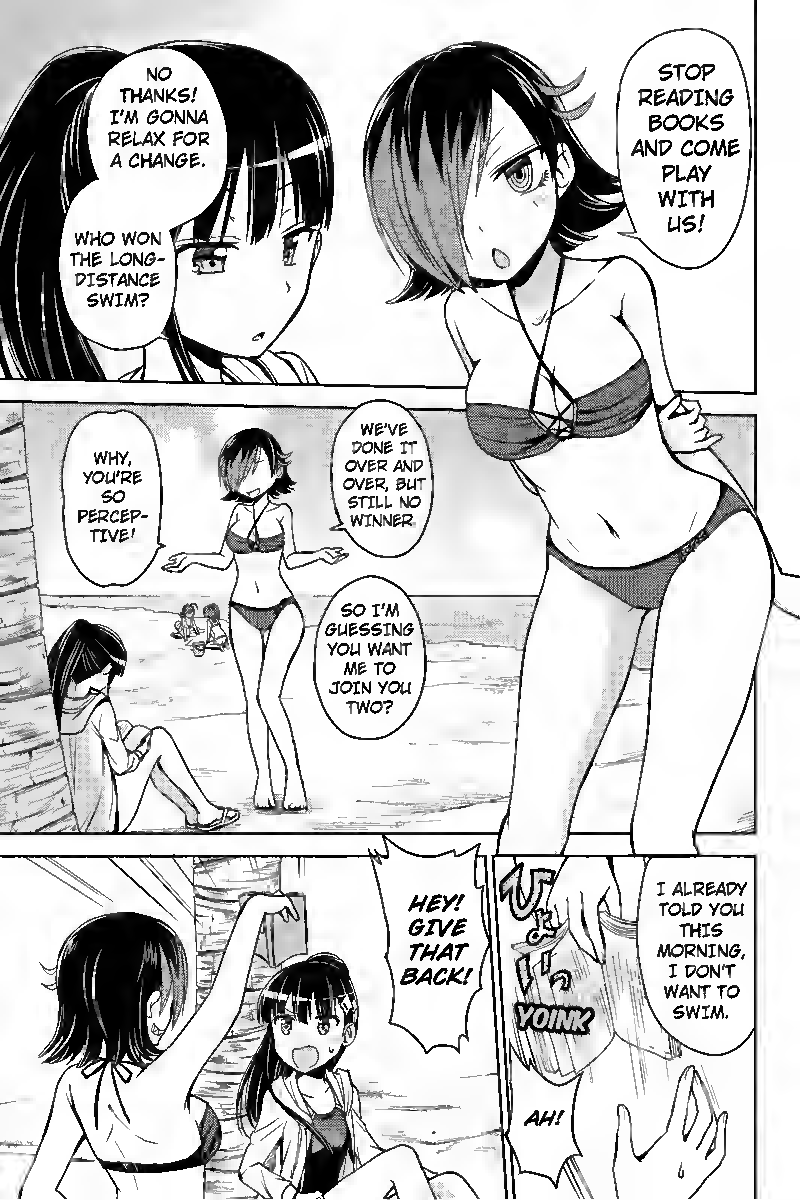

YOU'RE ON!
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME? THEY DON'T CALL ME A HUMAN-SHAPED FLYING FISH FOR NOTHING!
Nonamimi Island Station
Minami Squad Leader
KASUMI MINAMI
OKAY!
KASUMI, I'LL RACE YOU TO THAT ROCK!
Nonamimi Island Station
Minazuki Squad Member
SUIRAN TACHIKAZE


GO, KASUMI!
Nonamimi Island Station
Minazuki Squad Leader
MIZUHA MINAZUKI
I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYONE CALL YOU THAT...
WELL, THEY DO!


OKAY, THEN!
HAS TO GIVE UP THEIR SHARE OF DINNER TO THE WINNER!
SPLISH
OKAY, THE LOSER ...
NUDGE

SPLASH SPLASH
SPLASH SPLASH
OHHHHH!!
ON YOUR MARK... GET SET...
GO!
whap whap
OHHHH!
SOUNDS GOOD!
C'MON! LET'S MAKE A SAND CASTLE THAT WON'T GET RUINED BY THE TIDE!
Nonamimi Island Station Minami Squad Member
RAIKA UTSURI
Nonamimi Island Station Minazuki Squad Member
KUON KAGA

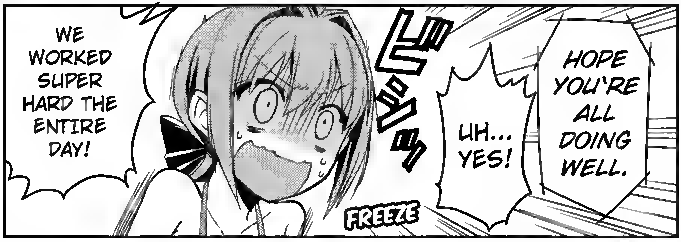
Well, I think we'll be able to make the perfect castle if we put both our heads together!
smile smile にこにこ
LET'S GIVE IT OUR BEST SHOT!
WE FINISH OUR CASTLE WHILE THE TIDE IS LOW...
AND THEN AT HIGH TIDE, IT'LL DRIVE THE WATER BACK!
HEY!
Nonamimi Island Station
Minami Squad Member
SUBARU TOMA


STOP READING BOOKS AND COME PLAY WITH US!
NO THANKS! I'M GONNA RELAX FOR A CHANGE.
WHO WON THE LONG-DISTANCE SWIM?
WE'VE DONE IT OVER AND OVER, BUT STILL NO WINNER.
WHY, YOU'RE SO PERCEP-TIVE!
SO I'M GUESSING YOU WANT ME TO JOIN YOU TWO?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU THIS MORNING, I DON'T WANT TO SWIM.
YOINK
AH!
HEY! GIVE THAT BACK!

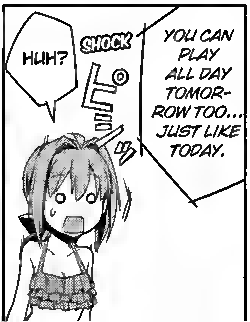
SPLASH
BOMBS AWAY!
WHOOSH
OHH?!
HEHE
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
DRIP
DRIP
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON A SOUTHERN ISLAND...
READING BOOKS!
YOU COME BACK HERE!
SUBARU IS PISSED!
RUN AWAY!
YUP!
SPLASH
SPLASH

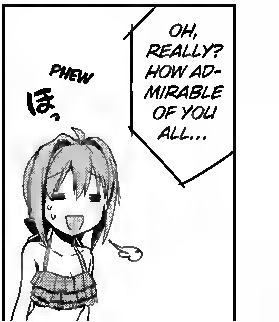
WOW! THAT WAS A BLAST!
COMPARED TO SCHOOL LIFE, THIS IS HEAVEN!
plop
ぽすっ
SCHOOL WAS TOUGH, WITH THE INSTRUCTOR'S TRAINING DRILLS AND ALL!
IT'S NINJA TRAINING, Y'KNOW? REGULAR HUMANS WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ENDURE ALL THAT!
But you train 'cause you wanna beat the instructor, right?
There's no way we can beat her!
I think it's impossible too...
THAT REMINDS ME, WE STILL NEED TO TELL THE INSTRUCTOR THAT THE SQUAD FORMATION HAS CHANGED
shwp
HUH?
Flicker Flicker
通話中
In Call

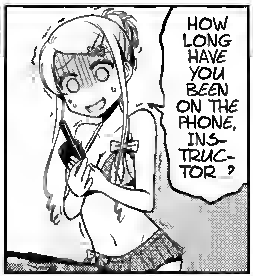
IS THERE SOMEONE ON THE OTHER LINE?
YES. I CAN HEAR EVERYTHING.
IS THAT THE INSTRUCTOR?!
ばばっ
JOLT

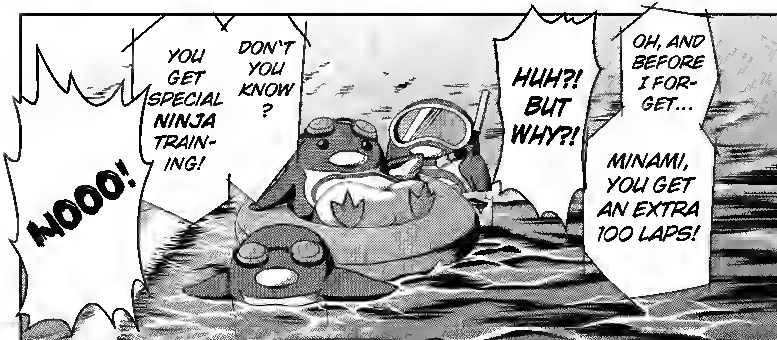

HOPE YOU'RE ALL DOING WELL.
UH... YES!
ドッ
WE WORKED SUPER HARD THE ENTIRE DAY!
FREEZE

NOW, NOW! DON'T BE HESITANT!
AS FOR WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING...
PALE


YOU CAN PLAY ALL DAY TOMORROW TOO... JUST LIKE TODAY.
HUH?
SHOCK
ガーン


OH, REALLY? HOW ADMIRABLE OF YOU ALL...
PHEW
ほ。





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MISSION 16: Let's go look for a hot spring!

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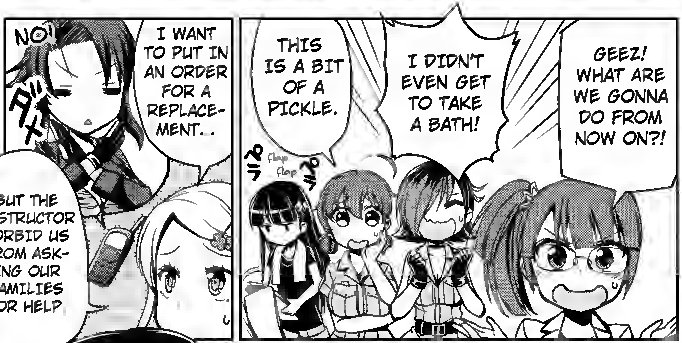
SPLISH
ちゃぷっ
HEHEHE HEEE...
HEHEHE HEEE...
PHEW, ANOTHER TIRING DAY!
HM?
はふー
SIGH
THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THAT I CAN FORGET THE DAY-TO-DAY STRESSES!

GASP
はっ
じょぼぼぼ
SPLOOSH
ACK! HOW?!
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING, DID I?!
SPLISH
ちゃぷっ
WAS THERE ALWAYS SO LITTLE HOT WATER?
JOLT
ビクッ
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ひぃっ
PEEK
あわ
PANIC
わわ
WHA-WHA-WHA-WHA-WHAT DO I DO?!!
じょぼぼぼ
SPLOOSH
SHAKE
ブルブル
EVERY-THING'S JUST—
OH, NOTH-ING!
SHOOT! SUBARU'S GONNA BE PISSED!
ハバァッ
SPLASH

ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
HELP MEEE!!
THUNK
WAHH!
BANG
AAAHHHH!!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING ...?
SO THAT'S WHY...

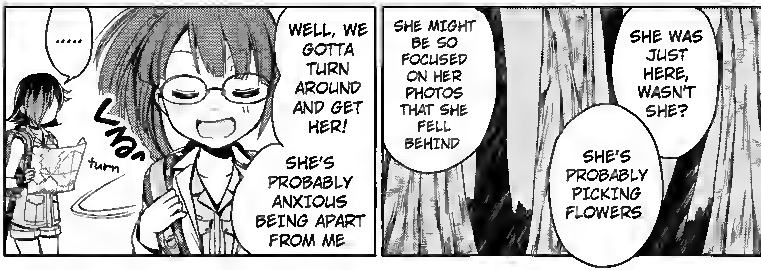

NO!
I WANT TO PUT IN AN ORDER FOR A REPLACE-MENT..
BUT THE INSTRUCTOR FORBID US FROM ASK-ING OUR FAMILIES FOR HELP
THIS IS A BIT OF A PICKLE.
I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO TAKE A BATH!
GEEZ! WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO FROM NOW ON?!
Clomp Clomp

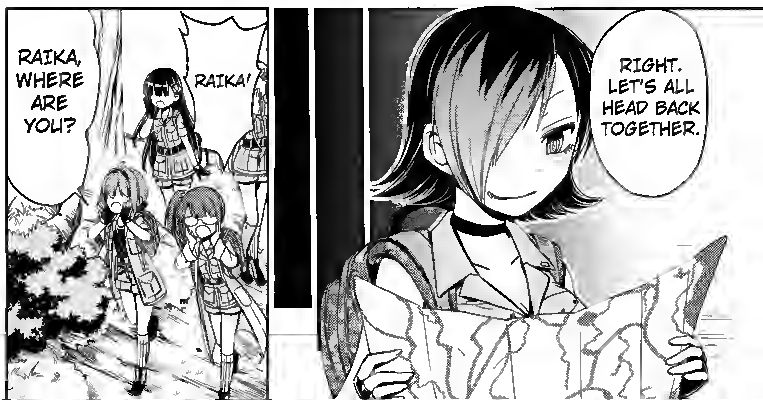
*Report on the Ecology of Nonamimi Island: Nonamimi Station Squad Stage 3

A HOT SPRING ?!
The next day.
Cheep Cheep
Cheep
Cheep Cheep
Cheep
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE WE WENT EXPLORING!
EXCITED
わく
わく
THE FIRST PERSON TO FIND A HOT SPRING WILL BE ME!
LET'S HAVE A MATCH!
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME IN THE WOODS ?
poke
GO, KASUMI!
AH! IT'S ANOTHER RARE BUTTERFLY!
HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT!

I WONDER IF WE'LL ACTUALLY END UP FINDING A HOT SPRING.
CHATTER CHATTER
わいわい
SIGH
はぁ
SHRIEK SHRIEK
キャッキャッ
BUT WOULD THERE REALLY BE A HOT SPRING IN THE WOODS?
SINCE WE DON'T HAVE THE ORIGINAL MAP, I'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN WHERE IT IS.
YUP, SINCE IT BURNED UP!
WHAT DID YOU DO FOR THAT TO HAPPEN?!
You shouldn't talk, Kuon!
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE!
BUT DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS TOO VAGUE?
WITH SO MUCH GROUND TO COVER, WHO KNOWS WHEN WE'LL FIND ONE?!
FLAP
ぺらっ
このあたり
Around here
IT'LL BE FASTER IF WE SPLIT UP TO LOOK FOR IT, AND IT SEEMS MORE FUN THAT WAY!
LISTEN!
STEP STEP
ずかずか
WE'RE NOT GONNA GO OFF ON OUR OWN!
OH, FINE!
HUH?

WHERE'S RAIKA?


SHE WAS JUST HERE, WASN'T SHE?
SHE'S PROBABLY PICKING FLOWERS
SHE MIGHT BE SO FOCUSED ON HER PHOTOS THAT SHE FELL BEHIND
WELL, WE GOTTA TURN AROUND AND GET HER!
SHE'S PROBABLY ANXIOUS BEING APART FROM ME
.....
turn


RIGHT. LET'S ALL HEAD BACK TOGETHER.
RAIKA!
RAIKA, WHERE ARE YOU?

WHERE COULD SHE HAVE GONE?
OH!
SUIRAN'S SUDDENLY GONE!
AHHH!
SO SHE WENT OFF ON HER OWN!
EVEN AFTER I KEPT TELLING HER NOT TO!
BUT ISN'T IT WEIRD?
BOTH OF THEM GONE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME...
OH?
RAIKA LIKELY GOT SPLIT UP BY ACCIDENT, AND SUIRAN PROBABLY JUST VENTURED OUT ON HER OWN.
SUBARU-SAN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW THEN?
HM?
Raikaaa, where are youuu?!
WHAT IS IT?
THIS IS...
FWIP

IT'S A CAMERA LENS COVER.
... YEAH.
IT'S... RAIKA'S ...
SOME-THING MUST'VE HAPP-ENED HERE!
WHAT HAPP-ENED TO RAIKA ?!
NOW, NOW! LET'S CALM DOWN!
BUT!
NOTHING HAPPENED, OKAY?
RAIKA'S PROBABLY OFF OVER THERE TAKING PICTURES RIGHT AROUND NOW..
SOME-THING SIMILAR TO THIS HAPPENED BEFORE TOO!
RIGHT, SUBARU?
TURN
くるっ

THEY WERE JUST HERE A MOMENT AGO...
SUBARU? MIZUHA?
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle

rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
snarl
snarl
snarl
grrr
grrr

rustle
ガサガサ
EEEEEK!
flap
flap
flap
パサパサ
pant
pant
ハア
ハア
pant
Ahaha!
あはは
Haha!
I-IT WAS JUST A BIRD
I-I-I GOT THAT!
WHAT...
DO WE DO NOW?
Where did the other four disappear to?!
NEXT TIME: What happens to Kasumi and Kuon, the last girls left?!
TO BE CONTINUED!

rustle rustle rustle rustle

MISSION 17: Like Dogs and Cats

MISSION in the SOUTH!

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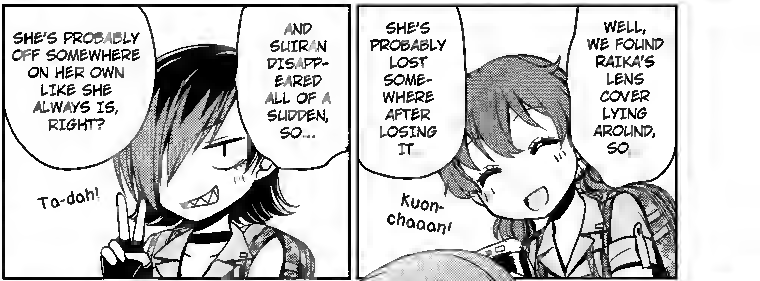
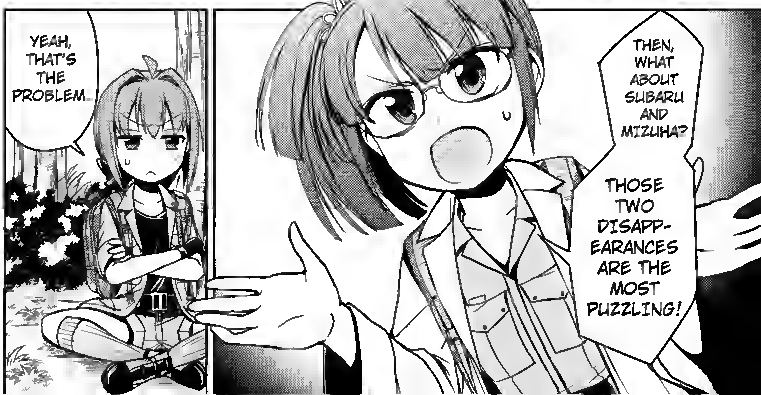
WAAAHH!
UH...
AND THEN HEARTLESSLY TOSS US ASIDE!!
THEY'RE GONNA DEVOUR US DOWN TO THE BONE...
EVERYONE IS GONE...
AND WE'RE GONNA BE LUNCH FOR THE BEASTS HIDING IN THE FOREST, TOO!!
AAAAHHHH!!

NOW, NOW... CALM DOWN, KUON! EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE!
WE'RE JUST SEPARATED FROM THEM, THAT'S ALL!
RAWR
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?!
WHEN WE'RE IN THIS HUGE MESS RIGHT NOW!
I can't believe it!
KUON IS SO SCARED THAT THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN BE CALM.


WELL, WE FOUND RAIKA'S LENS COVER LYING AROUND, SO
SHE'S PROBABLY LOST SOMEWHERE AFTER LOSING IT
Kuon-chaaan!
AND SUIRAN DISAPPEARED ALL OF A SUDDEN, SO...
SHE'S PROBABLY OFF SOMEWHERE ON HER OWN LIKE SHE ALWAYS IS, RIGHT?
Ta-daah!



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SUBARU MORE THAN ANYONE HATES WHEN PEOPLE ACT ON THEIR OWN...
SO IT MAKES NO SENSE THAT SHE'D DISAPPEAR WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE.
I don't go off doing things on my own!
AND MIZUHA DOESN'T LIKE DOING THINGS SEPARATELY FROM YOU, KASUMI!
Ko-su-mi!
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
HEY! I FIGURED IT OUT!
はっ
GASP
IT'S THE INSTR-UCTOR!
SHE SET UP TRAPS THE LAST TIME SHE CAME TOO!
THIS SITUATION WE'RE IN IS ALL THE INSTR-UCTOR'S DOING!!
WHA-WHAAAT?!!
SINCE WE KNOW THAT, THERE'S JUST ONE THING TO DO!!
fwip
すっ

SNEAK ATTACKS ARE FOR COWARDS, YOU NINJA!
COME AND FIGHT US OUT IN THE OPEN!!
H... HUH?
INSTR-UCTOR ?
SILENCE
しーん
open
pen
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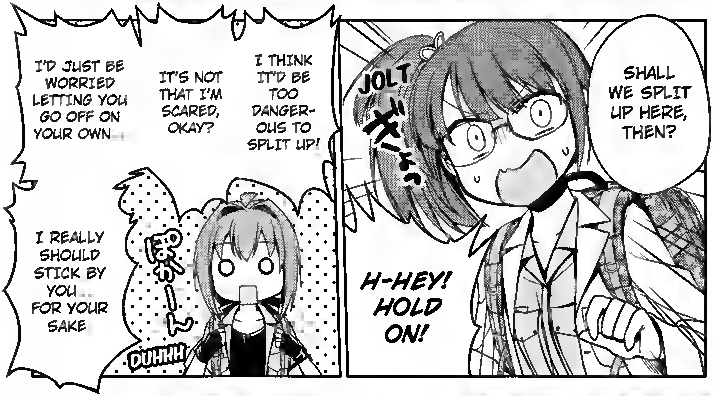
ニーい
SILENCE
しーん
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NINJA ARTS, THE HAZING AND THE INFERNAL TECHNIQUES YOU'RE SO GOOD AT?!
I...IF YOU DON'T COME OUT NOW, I'LL SAY EVEN MORE TERRIBLE THINGS!!

Bless you
Ah-choo!
I'M NOT TOO SURE THAT WAS THE BEST WAY TO TELL IF IT WAS THE INSTRUCTOR, ANYWAY
IT'S NOT THE INSTR-UCTOR ?!
IT CAN'T BE!
IF THE INSTRUC-TOR ISN'T THE CAUSE, THEN WE MAY BE IN DEEP WATER
WE GOTTA THINK OF A WAY TO FIND THOSE FOUR AND REUNITE THE GROUP
I GUESS THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE SCARED...
SINCE WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE SAFETY OF RAIKA AND THE OTHERS!
THIS VERY MUCH RUBS ME THE WRONG WAY, BUT.
FOR RIGHT NOW...
GRAB
LET'S WORK TOGETHER !!

I'M TELLING YOU!
THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY!
BY MY CALCULATIONS, THIS IS THE DIRECTION WE NEED TO TAKE!!
I CLIMBED A TREE EARLIER TO MAKE SURE, AND THE HOT SPRING IS THIS WAY!!
I JUST DON'T TRUST YOUR JUDGMENT!!
WHY DO YOU DOUBT EVERY SINGLE THING I DO?!

Nightmare in Junior High
Breaking things
Mixing chemicals as you please...
Causing explosions...
and so on!
CONSIDERING ALL THE DAMAGE YOU'VE CAUSED UP 'TIL NOW,
IT'S A LITTLE OBVIOUS, DON'T YOU THINK?
SIGH
はー
WELL, THAT LEAVES US NO CHOICE.


SHALL WE SPLIT UP HERE, THEN?
JOLT
ガビーン
H-HEY! HOLD ON!
I THINK IT'D BE TOO DANGEROUS TO SPLIT UP!
IT'S NOT THAT I'M SCARED, OKAY?
I'D JUST BE WORRIED LETTING YOU GO OFF ON YOUR OWN...
I REALLY SHOULD STICK BY YOU... FOR YOUR SAKE
DUHHH

ARE YOU STILL SCARED, KUON?
ピーン
URK!
N-N-NO WAY! D-D-D-DON'T BE STUPID!
WHAT WOULD A GENIUS LIKE ME BE SCARED OF?!!
SHE SEEMED FINE, BUT I GUESS IT WAS JUST HER ACTING TOUGH.

STILL, I CAN'T SEEM TO CONVINCE STUBBORN KUON...
AND IT'D BE TOUGH TO HAVE HER CLIMB THE TREE WITH ME.
Then again, she probably couldn't climb a tree to begin with!
WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE HER UNDER-STAND?
It's also the most effective way, you see?
rustle
KUON! BEHIND YOU!!
HUH?!
WHIRL
rustle
SMACK
GYAAAHH!!

GET IT OFF! GET IT OFF!!
flail
flail
flail
EEEK!
DROP
AH!
THUMP
A WILD BOAR PIG-LET?!
SNORT SNORT
IT'S SCARED. I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED.
MAYBE IT LOST ITS PARENTS?
IT'S OKAY! COME HERE!
DON'T BE SCARED!
I'M YOUR FRIEND!

I'LL HELP YOU LOOK FOR YOUR PARENTS!
THERE! THAT'S A GOOD PIGLET!
STEP STEP STEP
THAT REMINDS ME, WHERE'S KUON?
KA-SU-MI
HM?
KUON? WHERE ARE YOU?
GLANCE GLANCE
ANSWER IF YOU HEAR ME!
I'M UP HERE

HELP MEEE!
KUON ?!
Meek!
Oh for Pete's sake
ぽんぽん
pat pat
squeeze
OH, THANK GOD!
THANK GOD!
SHE WAS REALLY SCARED, HUH..
I KNOW YOU WERE FEEDING OFF OF ADRENALINE, BUT...
MAN, DID YOU CLIMB HIGH!
C'MON, KUON! WE SHOULD GET DOWN. IT'S NOT SAFE UP HERE.
Okay?
SOB! I'M SO GLAD!
LISTEN, KUON! WE GOTTA HURRY!
creak, creak

WAH WAH WAH ?!
SNAP
OF COU- RSE!
AAAAAHHHH!!!
TO BE CONTINUED!
2 people + 1 piglet... falling from a tree!!
NEXT TIME ON CHAPTER 18: What's going on with Raika-?!

MISSION 18: A Pair of Total Opposites!

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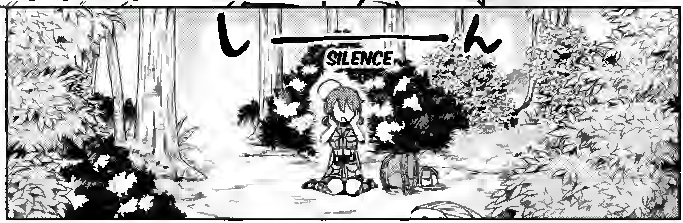

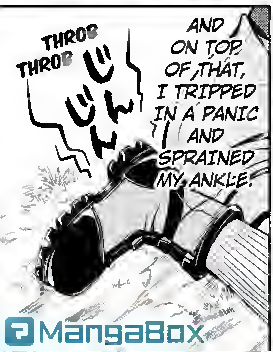

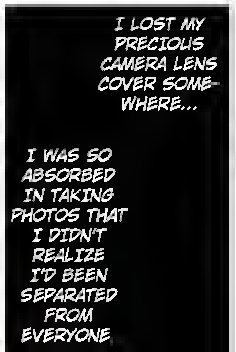
I LOST MY PRECIOUS CAMERA LENS COVER SOMEWHERE...
I WAS SO ABSORBED IN TAKING PHOTOS THAT I DIDN'T REALIZE I'D BEEN SEPARATED FROM EVERYONE

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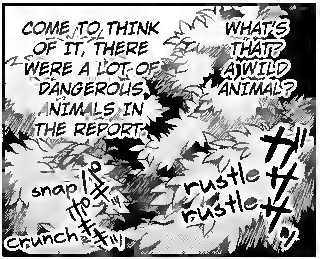

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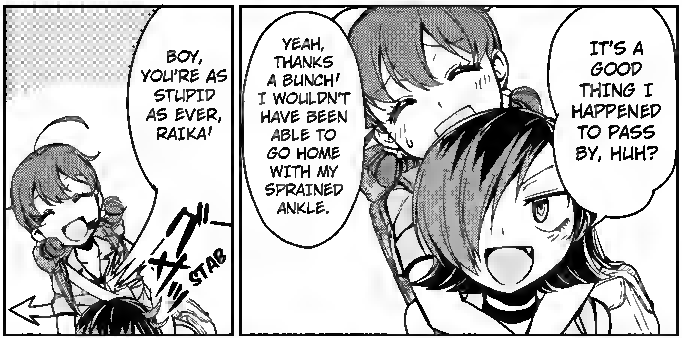
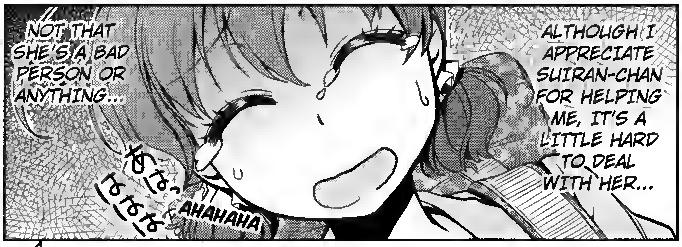
tremble
tremble
I H-HAVE N-N-NO CH-CHOICE BUT TO USE TH-TH-THIS!
wobble
A MINI TRIPOD!
BOOM
gulp
snap
snap
rustle
I... I DON'T TASTE VERY GOOD, YOU KNOW!!
SWIPE
whoosh

OH, RAIKA ...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
CATCH
YIKES! WATCH OUT!
SWIPE
SWIPE
AHH! DON'T EAT MEEE!
LISTEN TO ME, WILL YOU?!
swipe swipe
NOOO! I CAN'T LET YOU EAT ME!!
RAIKA!! IT'S ME, SHIRAN !!


IT'S A GOOD THING I HAPPENED TO PASS BY, HUH?
YEAH, THANKS A BUNCH! I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO HOME WITH MY SPRAINED ANKLE.
BOY, YOU'RE AS STUPID AS EVER, RAIKA!
STAB


ALTHOUGH I APPRECIATE SUIRAN-CHAN FOR HELPING ME, IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO DEAL WITH HER...
NOT THAT SHE'S A BAD PERSON OR ANYTHING...
AHAHAHA

C-COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE IS EVERYONE ELSE?
HUH?
I'M ON MY OWN TOO!
AFTER YOU DISAPPEARED, I SNUCK AWAY FROM THE GROUP SO I COULD FIND THE HOT SPRING FIRST!
IS THAT SO?!

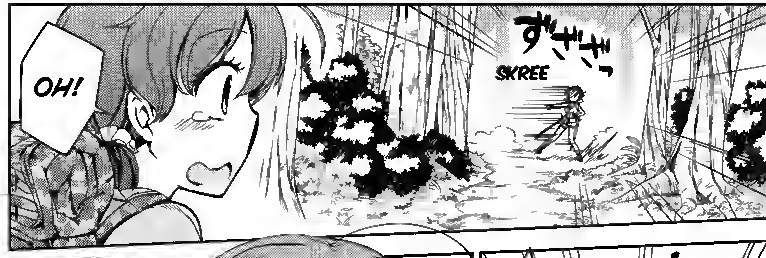
JUST FOR YOU, RAIKA, I'LL LET YOU HAVE FIRST DIBS ON THE HOT SPRING...
TOGETHER WITH ME, OF COURSE!
THAT'S GREAT!
I LOVE BATHING IN HOT SPRINGS!
...HUH?
ER...
I REALLY HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT...
JUST TELL ME!
ISN'T THE HOT SPRING IN THE OPPOSITE DIREC-TION?
PAUSE
ピタッ
I SEE YOU LOSE YOUR SENSE OF DIREC-TION TOO
TURN
くるっ
.....

GASP
は？
DID I, BY ANY CHANCE, NOT READ THE MAP PROPERLY?!
YES, THAT'S POSSIBLE...
I SEE! IT'S NO WONDER WE'VE COME SO FAR AND STILL HAVEN'T SEEN THE HOT SPRING!
Totally didn't see that happening!!
SO WE'VE BEEN LOST EVER SINCE WE LEFT THAT THICKET...
CAN I SEE THE MAP FOR A MINUTE?
SURE! MAYBE YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT!
HMM... BASED ON THE ROUTE WE'D PLANNED AT THE START...
WE'RE PROBABLY AROUND HERE, SO...
HEAD NORTH-EAST FOR NOW...
OKAY! SO WE GO THIS WAY!
SO THAT'S TO YOUR LEFT, SUIRAN-CHAN!
YUP! THAT WAY!
KEEP GOING UNTIL YOU SEE A RIVER.
ROGER!

AVOID THOSE TREES AND GO RIGHT.
OKAY!
YOU CAN GET A RASH FROM THOSE PLANTS, SO LET'S TAKE A DETOUR TO THE LEFT.
GOT IT!
THOSE MUSHROOMS HAVE POISONOUS SPORES, SO DON'T STEP ON THEM.
ALL RIGHT!
YOU KNOW, RAIKA ...
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE DUMBER THAN A BAG OF HAMMERS, BUT...
STAB
URK!
YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY CAPABLE! I MISJUDGED YOU!
UHHH... THANKS!
cheery
FOR SOME REASON, IT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY HEARING THAT FROM YOU, SUIRAN-CHAN!
cheery

YOU BEING SINCERELY HAPPY MAKES ME FEEL EMBARRASSED!
WHO KNEW SUIRAN-CHAN HAD THIS SIDE TO HER ?!
AT THIS RATE, WE'RE SURE TO BECOME REALLY CLOSE–
AH!
A WILD BOAR PIGLET!!
トコ トコ トコ
TROT TROT TROT
IF WE CAPTURE IT ALIVE ...
GRIN
ニヤ?
WE CAN HAVE WILD BOAR HOT POT TONIGHT !!
ナゴナゴ
DASH
EEK!
WAIT! WAIT! WAIIIIT !!
GIMME
どすっ
THUD
JOLT

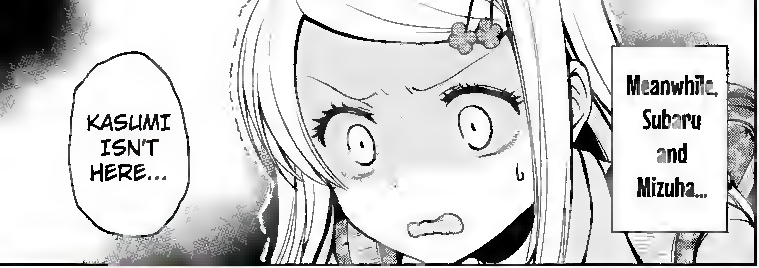
WAAAAHHH!!!
うぉーん
I DON'T UNDER-STAND SUIRAN-CHAN AT A~LL!
What happened to looking for the hot spring?!
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE WERE BECOMING CLOSE FRIENDS
SHE SUDDENLY DUMPS ME HERE.

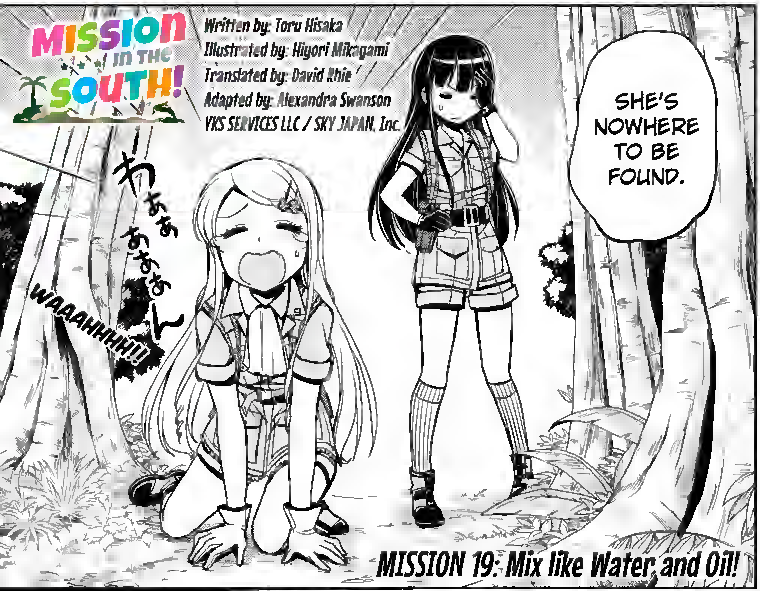

OH!
ずざざっ
SKREE

I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME BACK!
SHIN
なでなで
SUI-RAN-CHAN !!
だだだっ
DASH

TEP TEP TEP TEP だだだだ
HUH?
TEP TEP TEP TEP だだだだ
PALE
WHAT'S THAT...
SOUND?
THUD THUD THUD THUD
EEEEEK!!
THUD THUD
THUD THUD
It's a huge wild boar!!!

FORGOT ABOUT YA!
SUIRAN-CHAN!
Whaaa!
ADULT WILD BOARS TASTE BETTER, BUT...
WHEN THEY'RE THIS BIG, THERE'S NO WAY!
GRAB
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
RUUUUN!!
TO BE CONTINUED
Can Raika and Suiran get away safely?! Next time... where have Subaru and Mizuha gone...?

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SHE'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.
WAAAHHH!!!

MISSION 19: Mix like Water and Oil!

EVEN IF YOU HAD TO TELL ME SOMETHING IMPORTANT...
GEEZ
IT WASN'T SMART TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE WITHOUT LETTING KASUMI AND KUON KNOW.
WE RUSHED BACK HERE, BUT JUST AS I EXPECTED, THOSE TWO HAVE ALREADY LEFT!

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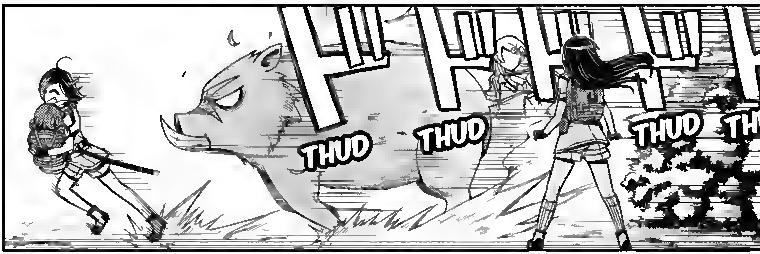
SO...
WHAT WAS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE HAD TO TALK ABOUT IT AWAY FROM KASUMI AND KAGA-SAN?
WELL...
ニヤァ
grin
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CAMP OUT HERE, SUBARU-SAN!
ぱっ
TURN
HUH?
IF YOU STAYED HERE AND KASUMI THOUGHT YOU DISAPPEARED, IT WOULD MAKE HER REALLY WORRIED!
THAT'S WHERE I'D COME IN TO SELFLESSLY SUPPORT HER!
THEN OUR BOND WOULD QUICKLY GROW STRONGER! AND AFTER THAT...
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING, SUBARU-SAN?
BACK.
Wait!
Let go!

I REALLY DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD GO OFF THAT FAST!
WELL, WE'VE ENDED UP LOSING SIGHT OF KASUMI!
I THOUGHT THE PLAN WAS PERFECT, TO BE HONEST!!
"HOLES"?!
URGH!
TO THINK I WAS LURED AWAY FROM THEM OVER A PLAN FILLED WITH HOLES!
IT'S INSULTING, TO BE FRANK.
UP UNTIL JUNIOR HIGH, I WASN'T ABLE TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH ANYONE DUE TO MY FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES.
KASUMI'S BEEN A DEAR FRIEND FROM THE START.
TO ME...
THAT'S WHY I'M SO THANKFUL FOR KASUMI!
I WANT TO BE AROUND HER SO WE CAN BECOME CLOSER FRIENDS!!
PLEASE HELP ME, SUBARU-SAN!!
MINAZUKI-SAN...

I UNDERSTAND THAT FEELING... OF WANTING TO RETURN EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF THE KINDNESS..
THAT KASUMI'S GIVEN...
I MEAN, KASUMI REALLY HELPED ME WITH HER CHEERFUL SPIRIT WHEN I WAS LITTLE
SU-BARU-SAN!
SO THEN ...
BUT THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM THIS!
えっ
HUH?!
WE WERE ALREADY IN TROUBLE HAVING LOST UTSURI-SAN AND SUIRAN!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING MAKING MATTERS WORSE?!!
I...I!
POINT
はぁ
SIGH
YOU'RE ALWAYS KASUMI THIS, KASUMI THAT...
ANNOYED
むっ
BUT YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HER!
FOR PETE'S SAKE!

THAT'S NOT TRUE!
I'M ALWAYS CONSIDERATE OF KASUMI...
TRY PUTTING YOURSELF IN HER SHOES!
AS IT STANDS NOW, ALL YOU ARE IS A STALKER!
STALKER
OH NO, YOU DIDN'T!
YOU DID NOT JUST CALL ME A STALKER!
ふるふる
tremble tremble
WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GIVE YOU A REALITY CHECK!
IF YOU DON'T GET IT, I'LL MAKE YOU GET IT!
バチバチバチ
CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE

WOOSH
YAHOOOO!!


THUD
THUD
THUD

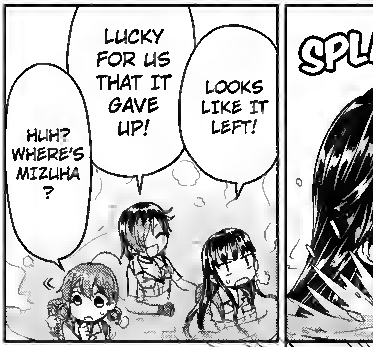
RAI-KA-SAN ?!
TURN
SUI-RAN ?!

THUD THUD
THUD
WAIT!
NO WAY!
THUD THUD THUD
THUD THUD THUD
TURN!!!
THUD THUD THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
AHHHHH!!!
HEY, SUBARU AND MIZUHA!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING!!
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!
WILL SOME-ONE EXPLAIN ALL THIS?!
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT MYSELF...

I MEAN, ALL I WAS DOING WAS TRYING TO CATCH A WILD BOAR PIGLET FOR DINNER...
THAT EXP-LAINS IT!!
WHY WERE YOU BEING SO RECKLESS WITH A WILD ANIMAL?!
NOTHING CAN STOP ME FROM FOLLOWING MY IN-STINCTS!
SUI-RAN-SAN IS EXACTLY RIGHT!
MY DESIRE FOR KASUMI IS ALSO INSTINCT, SO NOTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT THAT EITHER!
Huh?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'M GONNA KNOCK YOU SILLY!
Oh!
YOU TWO HAVING A FIGHT? LET ME JOIN YOU!
STOP IT, YOU GUYS! THIS ISN'T THE TIME!!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE GOTTA LOSE THE WILD BOAR FIRST!
THOSE THICKETS SEEM LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE!!
WHOOSH

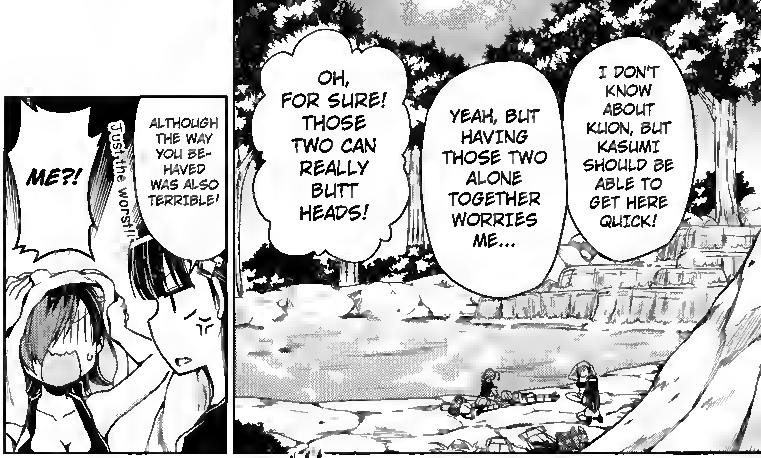
HUH?
THE GROUND IS...
GOOOONE!!
PLUMMET
SPLOOSH
?!
HOT WATER ?!
COULD THIS BE...
A HOT SPRING ?!
SKUFF
bubble
bubble
bubble
bubble

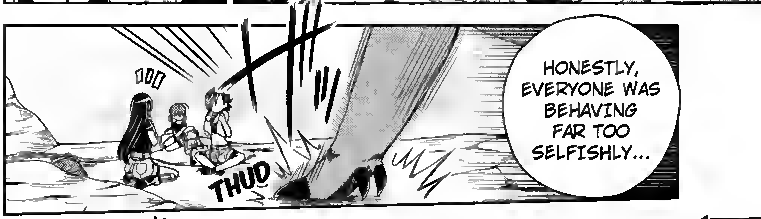
pace
pace
pace
rustle
rustle
rustle
turn
STAY UNDER-WATER.
GOT IT!
I CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH MUCH LONGER!

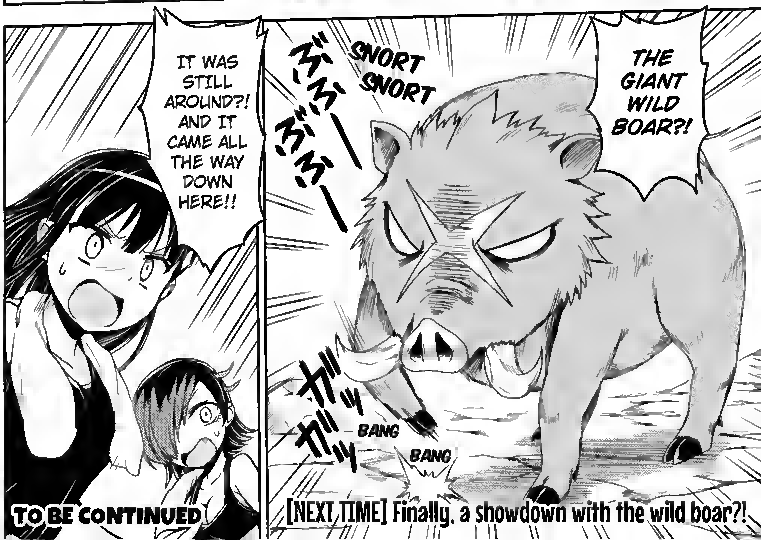

LUCKY FOR US THAT IT GAVE UP!
LOOKS LIKE IT LEFT!
HUH? WHERE'S MIZUHA?
SPLASH
PWAH!

SHE'S KNOCKED OUT COLD
'CAUSE THE WATER'S SO SHALLOW
Oh no!
SHE JUST ISN'T GETTING ANY BREAKS TODAY!
splish splish
MINA-ZUKI-SAN?!
MIZU-HA?!
MI-ZUHA-CHAN?!
BOOM
bubble bubble
bubble

THERE REALLY IS A HOT SPRING HERE.
STILL...
ざぱぁ
SPLASH
NOW WE HAVE TO PINPOINT ITS LOCATION AND FIND THE SHORTEST ROUTE HERE!
WELL, IT'S A GOOD THING WE MADE IT!
Oh! My camera!
KASUMI AND KAGA-SAN AREN'T HERE, THOUGH...
I WOULD THINK KASUMI WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND HER WAY HERE
そわそわ glance glance
WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE TWO ANYWAY?
Good thing I put it in its waterproof case as a precaution!
WE GOT SEPARATED ALONG THE WAY.
THOSE TWO SHOULD BE TOGETHER.


I DON'T KNOW ABOUT KUON, BUT KASUMI SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET HERE QUICK!
YEAH, BUT HAVING THOSE TWO ALONE TOGETHER WORRIES ME...
OH, FOR SURE! THOSE TWO CAN REALLY BUTT HEADS!
ALTHOUGH THE WAY YOU BEHAVED WAS ALSO TERRIBLE!
ME?!
BUSH the WORSH!!!


HONESTLY, EVERYONE WAS BEHAVING FAR TOO SELFISHLY...
THUD


THE GIANT WILD BOAR?!
SNORT SNORT
IT WAS STILL AROUND?! AND IT CAME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE!!
BANG
BANG
TO BE CONTINUED
[NEXT TIME] Finally, a showdown with the wild boar?!

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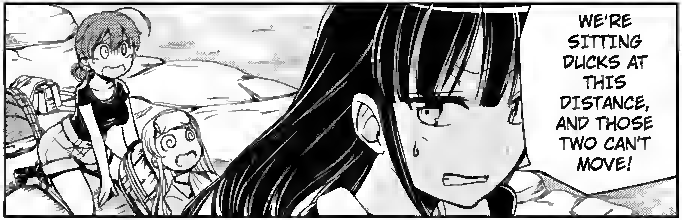
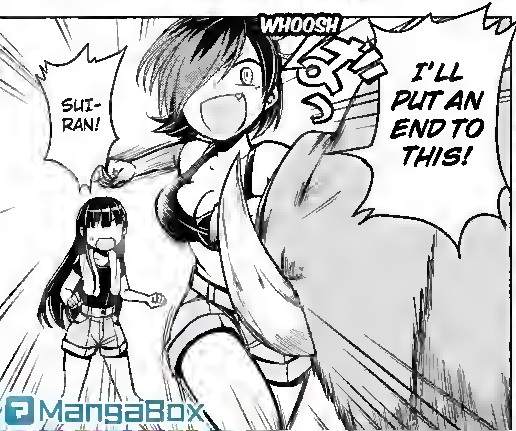
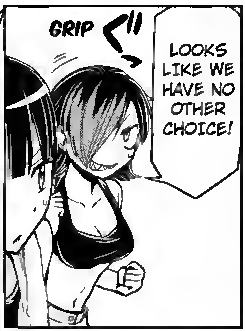
SNORT
MISSION 20: Gather Round!







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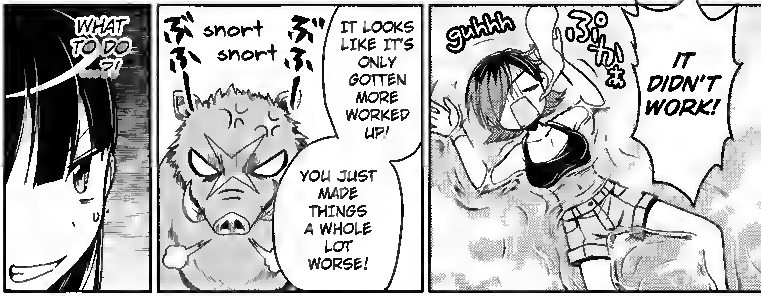
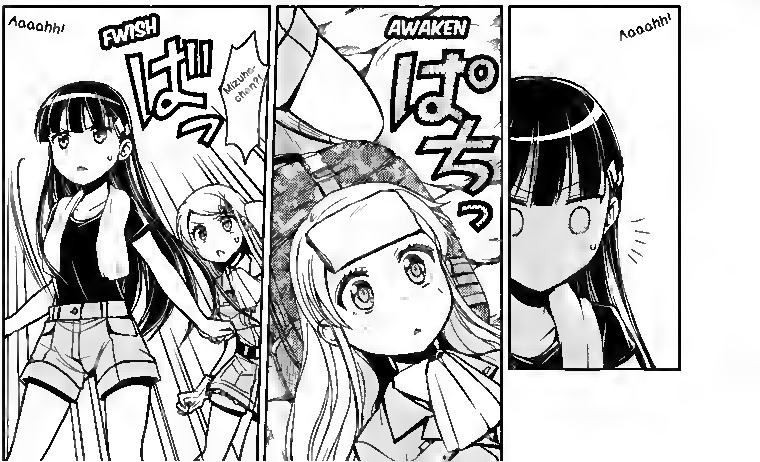
WHACK
SUI-RAN!!
ぴゅるるる
ぴゅいいい


WHAT TO DO ?!
ぶふー
snort snort
ぶふー
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S ONLY GOTTEN MORE WORKED UP!
YOU JUST MADE THINGS A WHOLE LOT WORSE!
Gahhh
ぶちかま
IT DIDN'T WORK!


Aaaahh!
FWISH
ばっ
Mizuno-Ohmi!!
AWAKEN
ぱちっ
Aaaahh!

Aaaahhh!!
KASUMI!!
AND KUON-CHAN, TOO!!
DASH
KASUMI~!!
STEP

KER-PLUNK
ぼちゃーん
TOPPLE
バタリ
EEEK! KUON-CHAN!
OOF
BONK
ビヨヨーン
TUMP
ドタ
KASUMI! ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU HURT?!
MIZU... HA...?

TEAR
じわっ
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE!!
HUG
がばっ
THANK GOD!! YOU SAVED ME!!
I WAS SOOO SCARED !!
TH...
ギュう
SQUEEE
WHAT'S WITH THE TRIUMPHANT LOOK ON YOUR FACE?
ドヤ
SMIRK
KASUMI CHOSE ME.
C'MON! PUT KASUMI DOWN!
QUICKLY!! RIGHT THIS INSTANT!
HEY! STOP IT, WILL YOU?!
OW!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MINAZUKI-SAN?
LOOK! STOP SHAKING AND PUT HER DOWN!
Kuon-chan!
RIP
ぶん
ぶん
RIP
Hang in there, Kuon-chan!

AND THEN...
THE BRANCH WE WERE HOLDING ONTO SNAPPED AND FELL...
BUT THERE WERE MORE BRANCHES BELOW THAT WE BOUNCED OFF OF...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE RIGHT ABOVE THE HOT SPRING...
YEAH! A SURPRISING DIFFERENCE IN ALTITUDE!
DASH
I REALLY THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA DIE!
GOOD THING YOU REUNITED WITH HER!
BY ANY CHANCE, IS THIS YOUR MOMMY?
IT'S OKAY. SHE JUST PASSED OUT
PACE
PACE
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AND I JOINED UP WITH ALL MY FRIENDS WHO WENT MISSING TOO! I'M SO GLAD!

WHY ARE YOU ALL TOGETHER?
DIDN'T YOU GO MISSING?!
UH... WELL... THE THING IS...
Hm?
THAT'S NOT IT, KASUMI!
THE TWO OF US JUST WENT OFF TO TALK IN PRIVATE...
TONGUE
HEY!
SU-BARU-SAN!
IT'S ALL 'CAUSE OF MINAZUKI-SAN'S SCHEMING...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! IT WAS YOUR WEIRD PLAN THAT SPLIT US UP IN THE FIRST PLA--
WAHHH!!
STOP COVERING MY MOUTH!!
LET ME SPEAK!!
WAHHH!! WAHHH!!

HOLD ON A SEC!
BOTH OF YOU, STOP GETTING CARRIED AWAY!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON, Y'KNOW ?!
PAUSE
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I WAS SO CONFUSED WHEN YOU TWO JUST DISAPPEARED ALL OF A SUDDEN...
ER...
AND YOU LEFT ME ALL ALONE WITH KUON...
ANNOYED
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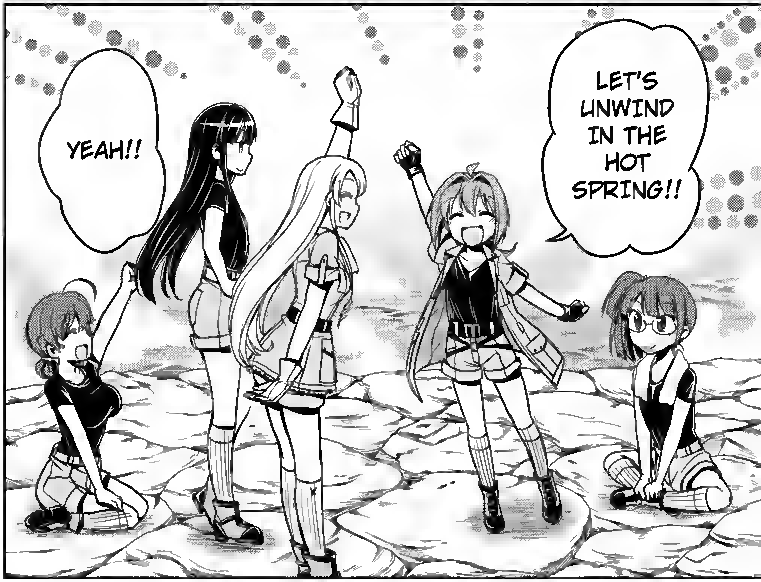
WHO WAS OF NO HELP AT ALL...
YOU CAUSED ME A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE !!
I'M NOT GONNA TAKE WHAT YOU JUST SAID SITTING DOWN!

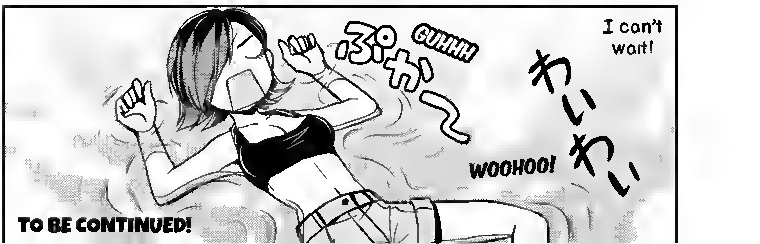
I WAS "OF NO HELP"?
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF THERE, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WE MADE IT TO THE HOT SPRING THANKS TO ME!!
I WAS THE ONE WHO CREATED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO FALL OFF THE CLIFF!
C'MON NOW, BOTH OF YOU. .
IF YOU WOULD'VE JUST TRUSTED ME FROM THE START, KUON!
FRANKLY, THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD TRUST YOU!
THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU GET WAY TOO SCARED, KUON!!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING, KASUMI! YOU WERE SCARED STIFF!!
LET'S... NOT FIGHT...
OKAY? OKAY?
HONESTLY, KUON, YOU'RE ALWAYS--
LOOM
HUH?

DOOOOM
WHAT...?
FREEZE
ペたぺた
HE... SEEMS MAD...
WHOOSH
ばっ
UUUH!
KA-SU-MI!!
BURST

RUB すりっ
HUH?
RUB すり
RUB すり
RUB すり
YOU'RE THANKFUL FOR MY HELP?
HUH? 'CAUSE I BROUGHT YOUR BABY ALL THE WAY HERE?
WIGGLE ぶも
WIGGLE ぶも
WIGGLE ぶも
HOW DID SHE HAVE A CONVER-SATION WITH IT ...?!
IT'S OKAY! SHE'S NOT ANGRY ANYMORE!
UH-HUH.. IN THAT CASE, I'M GLAD.
AH... I SEE.
OH, DON'T MENTION IT!

SOUNDS GOOD!
YEAH.
ANYWAY, SINCE NO ONE GOT HURT...
WE SHOULD STOP FIGHT-ING.


YEAH!!
LET'S UNWIND IN THE HOT SPRING!!


I can't wait!
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GUHH!
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WOOHOO!
TO BE CONTINUED!